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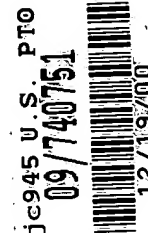
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Prior Group Art Unit: 2839



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BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

REQUEST FOR FILING SECOND CONTINUATION APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

This is a request for filing a second continuation application under Rule 53(b) (37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)) of co-pending prior application Serial No. 09/248,932 filed June 12, 1997, entitled "NOVEL ZERO INSERTION FORCE SOCKETS USING NEGATIVE THERMAL EXPANSION MATERIALS."

- ☒ 1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application Serial No. 09/248,932 as originally filed, including specification, claims, drawings, and declaration. The undersigned hereby verifies that the attached papers are a true copy of the prior application as originally filed and identified above, that no amendments (if any) referred to in the declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein, and further that this statement was made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like

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so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statement may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

(a) ☒ The inventorship is the same as prior Application Serial No. 09/248,932.

(b) ☐ Deletion of inventor(s). Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

(c) ☐ Priority of foreign patent application number , filed in is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(e). The certified copy:

☐ is enclosed.

☐ has been filed in the prior Application Serial No.

☐ 2. The Assistant Commissioner is requested to grant a filing date in accordance with Rule 1.53, and supply with a Notice of Missing Parts in due course, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 1.53(f).

☐ 3. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$924.00 to cover the filing fee as calculated below and the fee for any new claims added in the Preliminary Amendment referred to in Part No. 9 below.

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CLAIMS AS PENDING FOLLOWING ENTRY OF PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

| FOR | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA | RATE | FEE |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Basic Fee..... | | | | \$710.00 |
| Total Claims | 29 - 20 = | 9 × | \$18.00 = | \$162.00 |
| Independent Claims | 2 - 3 = | -0- × | \$80.00 = | \$0.00 |
| Multiple Dependent Claim(s)..... | | | | \$0.00 |
| Total Fee | | | | \$872.00 |

- ☐ 4. Applicant is entitled to Small Entity Status for this application.
- ☐ (a) A small entity statement is enclosed.
- ☐ (b) A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
- ☐ (c) Small entity status is no longer claimed.
- ☒ 5. If the check is missing or insufficient, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 which may be required for any reason relating to this application, or credit any overpayment to Winstead Sechrest & Minick Deposit Account No. 23-2426/23804-P002C2.
- ☐ 6. Enclosed is a copy of the current Power of Attorney in the prior application.

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- ☒ 7. Address all future communications to:

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- ☒ 8. The prior application is presently assigned to Micron Technology, Inc.
- ☒ 9. Enclosed is a Preliminary Amendment. Any additional fees incurred by this Preliminary Amendment are included in the check at No. 3 above and said fee has been calculated after calculation of claims and after amendment of claims by the Preliminary Amendment.
- ☐ 10. Cancel in this application claims _____ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim has been retained).
- ☒ 11. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --This is a continuation of co-pending application Serial No. 09/248,932 filed February 12, 1999--.
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- ☐ 12. Enclosed are formal drawings.
- ☐ 13. An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed.
- (a) PTO-1449.
- (b) Copies of IDS citations.
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☐ 14. Transfer the sequence information, including the computer readable form previously submitted in the parent application, Serial No. _____ filed _____, for use in this application. Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(e), that the paper copy of the sequence listing in this application is identical to the computer readable copy in parent application Serial No. _____ filed _____. Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f), that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing.

☐ 15. Other:

☒ 16. Return Receipt Postcard

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 19-DEC-2000

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